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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 22ND 1909.

THE amnesty proclamation issued by the PRINCE REGENT on behalf of the EMPEROR cannot be complained of as not going far enough in the way of mercy, and is studiously worded so as to give no offence to any while pardoning all. In some respects, as when restoring all forfeited honours, it goes further than sovereigns who have felt themselves personally aggrieved are wont, and clearly is intended to show to the world how thoroughly the Regent means to identify himself with the aspirations of his brother when the career of the latter was cut short by the Palace coup d'état of September 1898. If such be the real foundation of the Amnesty it is curious to observe how ingeniously it has been issued as an accompaniment to the further honours to be conferred on the late EMPRESS DOWAGER for her virtues and talents, as well as for what she did for the Empire during the half century in which she held with a tight grip the reins of government. Leaving out of consideration the crimes of her administration, which cannot be blinked nor palliated, there is no doubt that the late EMPRESS REGENT was one of those mortals in whom the art of government is inborn, and not acquired by any process of education or self-development. What she did towards raising

the position of China was instinctive, and in no measure proceeded from reason; and hence it was that it was accompanied by many drawbacks, which equally curiously were instinctive rather than the outcome of any specially demoniacal type of character. As a fact the character of the late Dowager Regent, will long continue to be one of the standard mysteries of history, as incapable of solution as her own birth and abstraction. Wisely the present Regent supported by his councillors have realised the fact that to continue such a government without those peculiar faculties of mind possessed by the late EMPRESS DOWAGER has become a matter of impossibility; so the Edict lately published must be looked upon as an evidence that the new administration has made up its mind to break entirely with the past, and start a new régime. There is on the one hand no doubt that many of the officials who had incurred the special enmity of the late Regent richly deserved their punishment; but on the other hand there is equally no doubt that many who had incurred her most pronounced hostility were able and honest officials who had simply fallen foul of some of the worse traits of her character. This was the difficulty that faced the administration in issuing the amnesty for the past; it was better, evidently thought the present advisers, that the door should be opened too wide than that any worthy official, whose only fault had been that he did not fall in with one or other of the peculiar idiosyncracies of the late Regent, should merely for that reason be excluded for ever from the path of preferment. Not all those ministers of various rank who had formed the entourage of the late EMPEROR before the coup d'état were incapable or corrupt, nor were they prepared to act the part of such disloyal agitators as Sun Yat-sen and others; the numbers involved were, however, so great that it was impossible to make a selection without being certain to admit many undesirables, while at the same time excluding many deserving. This apparent y was been the reason for making the amnesty practically universal. Some of the clues in it are worthy of special mention as indicating an intention of departing from one of the worst blots of the Chinese system—the practice of vicarious punishment, whereby the relatives of an accused culprit are, however innocent, made partakers in his punishment. The wives and sons of those who have died under the sentence of banishment, whose position has hitherto, according to Chinese practice, been hopeless, and entailing untold misery even when perfectly innocent, will, says the Edict, be entitled to return home, should they so desire it, on reporting their case. This practice of making innocent relatives suffer for the crimes of others in which they have taken no part has been a rule of Chinese procedure, it is true, during all periods of the existence of the State. It has been more especially the rule during the present dynasty whose position towards their Chinese subjects has ever been one of fear and distrust. It is thus one of the symptoms of the growing intention of abolishing by degrees the distinction of Chinese or Manchu that this act of mercy should be more especially included. Of the same nature are the clauses making repairs to temples a national duty, and throwing on the state the upkeep of roads and bridges for the benefit of travellers. One of the worst features of the early Manchu rule in China was the neglect, of the old means of intercommunication, and the destruction as a matter of policy of the roads and bridges throughout the Empire, which had under the Ming been one of the main objects of imperial care. Even if the new Edict contained only this one clause it would be a sign that the rule of distrust was passing away, and that the amelioration of the condition of the people at large was to be one of the main objects of the present rulers. There has, of course, never been any lack of paraded benevolence in China, even the worst attempts at intensifying the burdens of the people have even been accompanied by cheap discourses on the duty of benevolence, and the regard of a paternal government towards the people under its charge; the distinguishing feature of all these proclamations has ever been that they were confined to abstract terms, and never descended to particulars. The present, then, is a departure from the established type, and really concerns itself with two of the most crying abuses of the Empire—the punishment by proxy, and the neglect of the communications. Another return to old custom is suggested in the proposed restoration of the practice of memorial tablets long fallen into disuse. The system had, indeed, become an abuse and been made the means of levying exactions from the richer classes, but the idea of holding up for public admiration the record of distinguish-

ished deeds was one tending to elevate the moral tone of the population; and the suggestion of its revival indicates a desire to return to more sympathetic measures in the relations of governors and governed.

Altogether, if not abused, the amnesty marks an evident desire to conform to the wishes of the people at large; and accompanied with the promises of granting to the nation at large very considerable powers of self-government, may mark a new era in the state. It is one of the best signs of the fitness of the Chinese as a people for wide extensions of the principle of self-government that, although clearly determined on the subject, they have refrained from agitation or haste. In these qualities they have exhibited a marked contrast to the other nations which have of late had similar aspirations; Russia, Turkey or, worst of all, Persia. In one respect the situation in China is entirely different from the others. Neither side looks upon the changes as a gift; it has, on the contrary, come about from perfectly natural causes, largely financial. The authorities in Peking have had it prominently brought before them that the system of provincial administration fails to bring to the central government any fair share of the local revenues, yet year by year the central Government is being further saddled with perfectly legitimate expenses which have to be met. The late Regency had a method of its own in dealing with this problem, that of unlimited bribery and corruption, which was bringing the whole system into disrepute, and must have ended in the subversion of the Empire. The late Emperor, and his brother, the present Regent early saw that this could not last, and that the only way out of the difficulty was by substituting for the provincial system one of popular control. Hence the movement has had the solid ground of mutual benefit. This it is that removes the Chinese call for popular control above the vulgar cry of mere democracy, and unites rulers and people. Popular government in China is in fact a reaction against the abuses of the Provinces; and it is this practical element that has largely influenced the recent Edict.

The English Mail of the 23rd January was delivered in London on the 19th inst.

Amended general rules concerning appeals to the Privy Council are published in the current Gazette.

An Indian died of plague in a house in Austin Road, Kowloon on Saturday. This makes only the second case of plague in the colony since January.

Mr. H. F. Bell, who was until recently first assistant to the chief engineer of H. M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, has been appointed Engineer Commander on H.M.S. London.

A regulation made by His Excellency the Governor under section 18 of the Post Office Ordinance of 1900 prohibits the transmission by post of opium, morphia, morphine and cocaine.

The Foochow Echo announces the engagement of Mr. F. T. Lachlan, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. to Daphne daughter of Dr. & Mrs. T. Rennie, of that Port.

After a long trial Mr. Justice Smeaton Smith has given a verdict in favour of Mr. A. Emslie Bessie, formerly secretary of Messrs. Howarth Erskine Ltd., in the case against him claiming \$44,800 and \$1,400, respectively, as damages for fraudulent misrepresentation in a certificate given by him in connection with the floating of the new Hogan & Co.

There was again a crowded audience at the Theatre on Saturday night when the Amateur Dramatic Club gave their final performance of "A Country Girl." The house as usual, was very demonstrative in its appreciation. Many baskets of flowers were handed up to the principal ladies in the play and encores were frequently demanded. It was 12.30 before the performance finished on Saturday night. H. E. the Admiral, Sir Hedworth Lambton, was present.

Sir John McLeary Brown, accompanied by Mr. Liu Ti Ta, an Attaché to the Chinese Legation in London, went to Plymouth to meet his Excellency Tang Shao-yi, the Chinese Special Envoy on his arrival from America and accompanied him to London. The Chinese Minister and the Secretary of the Legation met the Special Envoy at Paddington and accompanied him to the Langham Hotel, where Tang Shao-yi stayed while in London. Mr. Liang Ian-hsun, the Chinese Consul-General for Australia, arrived in London last month from Melbourne.

Twins were born on the Hitachi Maru on her present voyage. Among the passengers bound for Singapore were Mr. and Mrs. Sheedy and three children. During the voyage out, Mrs. Sheedy was safely delivered of twin boys and girl—an event perhaps not unimportant but certainly rare in the annals of the sea. As befitted the occasion, the babies were given Hitachi as a Christian name in each case; but the Japanese officer who reported the occurrence in the Boarding Officer's register on arrival here, rather complicated matters by making the following entry:—Male—Kathleen Hitachi Sheedy—Female—Robert Hitachi Sheedy—Mr. Sheedy comes out after a year's furlough to take charge of the Detective Station at Penang.

TELEGRAMS.

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YOKOHAMA'S JUBILEE.

Tokyo, February 21.

The Yokohama community has decided to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the port to foreign trade on July 1st and 2nd next.

Public subscriptions are invited towards raising a fund of 100,000 yen to cover the expenses of the festival.

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TO REVIVE THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

LONDON, February 20th.

The Government is appointing a Royal Commission with a view to ascertaining what can be done to effect an improvement in the sugar trade between Canada and the West Indies.

The Commission will include two Canadians, while Sir Daniel Morris, who has been identified with other Commissions appointed in the interests of the islands, will represent the West-Indies.

A PROSPECTIVE RATE WAR.

LONDON, February 20th.

The New York Steel Trust has announced a modification of its prices in view of the price cutting carried on by independent concerns. A rate war is feared.

JAPANESE PRINCE IN AUSTRIA.

LONDON, February 21st.

The Emperor Francis Joseph has received the Japanese Prince Kuni.

THE BALKAN SITUATION.

LONDON, February 21st.

It is announced in Vienna that drastic measures against Serbia have been temporarily suspended.

An Austro-Turkish agreement is also expected shortly.

RECOGNITION OF THE NEW KING.

LONDON, February 21st.

Bulgaria's ruler, King Ferdinand, when visiting St. Petersburg will be received in accord with his kingly rank.

The Russian Press unanimously favours the formal recognition of the kingship. Austria is also ready to recognise it.

UNFOUNDED ALARMS.

LONDON, February 21st.

Reuter learns that there is nothing to warrant the alarming rumours with which the newspapers are filled, of a storm brewing in the Balkans and that Austria has delivered an ultimatum to Serbia.

"MAURETANIA" CREATES NEW RECORD.

LONDON, February 21st.

A New York message states that the "Mauretania" has created a new Atlantic record by travelling over the long course in 4 days 17 hours and 50 minutes, beating the "Lusitania's" record by 106 minutes. The "Mauretania's" best day's run was 671 miles.

[The Canadian Mauretania after having undergone an extensive overhaul of her machinery and been provided with new propeller equipment, again took her place on the Atlantic service about a month ago. On her first run to New York after resuming she steamed at the rate of over 26½ knots an hour after leaving Queens-town for New York.]

[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO"]

PROSPECTIVE ROYAL VISIT.

PEKING, February 21st.

The British Minister, Sir John Jordan, has informed the Board of Foreign Affairs that an Indian Prince intends paying a visit to Shanghai and Tientsin shortly.

The Authorities have decided that His Highness will be accorded a hearty reception.

CHINA'S FINANCES.

PEKING, February 21st.

The Board of Financial Affairs proposes to establish an office for the reform of the country's finances.

THE CHINESE NAVY.

PEKING, February 21st.

It is the intention of the Prince Regent to reorganise the Chinese navy within a period of two years.

Yesterday their Highnesses the Princes Ching and Su were summoned before the Regent to consider the matter.

CHINA AND OPIUM.

PEKING, February 21st.

The British Minister has informed the Board of Foreign Affairs that the British Government approves the decision of the Chinese Authorities to forbid the importation of opium into China.

He stated further that their decision had been favourably considered by the House of Lords.

THE ALEXANDRA CINEMATOGRAF.

The sitting accommodation at the Alexandra Cinematograph in Zetland Street was considerably taxed on Saturday night, and the large attendance were delighted with the excellent films. The apparatus used for the working of these is the most up-to-date available, and the improvement is readily noticeable to the spectator, who can follow picture after picture without tiring the eyes in the least. Excellent pictures were shown of the French manoeuvres in 1908, and of the destruction of Stamboul by fire, while in the humorous line such displays as the misdeeds of a sack of coal, of the men absorbed in politics and of the servant of an acrobatic family, require to be seen to be thoroughly appreciated. There were also a number of Eastern views, with which foreigners in the Orient are familiar. In conclusion it is only necessary to add that there is not one film on the well arranged programme that fails to hold attention until it has run out. To-night will see an entirely new and equally attractive programme.

INTERNATIONAL OPIUM COMMISSION.

The seventh session opened at 10.30 a.m. on the 15th inst.

A report dealing with the Opium question as it concerns Italy was presented by Signor Faracane. The Netherlands Report then came up for discussion, after which the Chief Commissioner for Japan in reply to questions put by Mr. R. Laidlaw, M.P., gave a series of statistics covering the sale of Opium Paste, the Commission of Opium, and the Revenue derived therefrom in Japan.

Mr. Tang Kuo-an, replying to questions put to the Chinese Delegation at the last sitting by Sir Alexander Hosie, quoted figures from the Japanese Report on Formosa in support of the Chinese estimates of the percentage of smokers to the population, and stated that the further information asked for would be supplied as soon as it could be obtained.

The Chief Commissioner for the Netherlands, Mr. de Jongh, then read a statement comprising the declared policy of his Government, which is to gradually reduce the consumption of Opium in the Netherlands-Indies.

The Commission adjourned at 12.15 p.m. On re-assembling at 2.30 p.m. there was brief discussion on the Austro-Hungarian report, and Dr. Rosler asked the Delegate for Austria-Hungary to obtain particulars as to the use of Opium in the Austrian concession at Tientsin. The Persian report was held over for discussion until the question of the production of Opium generally comes before the Commission.

A proposal made by Dr. Rosler that a Committee should be appointed to consider existing International Agreements on the opium traffic was accepted; and there followed a discussion as to the scope of enquiry generally to which the Commission should confine itself.

The Commission adjourned at 3.45 p.m. until Thursday, the 18th February.

From the Home papers now to hand giving particulars of the disaster to the White Star liner Republic we learn that her commander was Captain Sealby, who for many years had the command of one of the Company's steamers running between San Francisco and Hongkong, and is therefore personally known to many of our readers. His friends will read with interest the appreciation of his heroic conduct recorded in the report which appears in another column.

Mr. Werner Laurie the well known London publisher is about to publish "Strange Stories from a Chinese Studio," translated and annotated by Dr. Herbert A. Giles, Professor of Chinese in the University of Cambridge and some time Consul at Ningpo. His Excellency the Marquis of Teng has written to Dr. Giles in connection with this book:—"I congratulate you on having in this made the best translation of a Chinese work into English which has ever come under my notice. Whilst remaining faithful to the original, you have succeeded in a remarkable degree in preserving the spirit of the author. The manner in which this has been done has surprised and delighted me. You have placed Chinese scholars under a deep debt of gratitude to you for the elegant manner in which you set the work of their countrymen before the English reader."

COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

HALF YEARLY MEETING.

The ordinary half yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held on Saturday at noon in the City Hall. Mr. E. Shellin, Chairman of directors, presided, and there were also present Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson (deputy chairman), Hon. Mr. H. A. W. Slade, Messrs. E. G. Barrett, C. S. Gabbay, W. Helms, C. R. Lenzmann, R. Showan, H. A. Slade, H. E. Tomkins (directors), J. R. M. Smith (chief manager), J. Barton, A. F. Warrack, T. Skinner, W. Dunbar, F. Maitland, E. H. Hinds, Murray Stewart, H. N. Mody, Capt. C. V. Lloyd, E. F. Mackay, R. R. Hynd, Lau Pua Chin, C. Pemberton, E. D. Haskell, Wong Leung Him, H. C. Jones, J. Cox-Edwards, Ho Fook, Ho Kom Tong, Lo Cheung Shiu, A. Findlay Smith, G. del Castillo, J. M. E. Machado, Ellis Kadorie, J. C. Peter, J. A. Jupp, J. W. C. Bonnar, W. E. Clarke, W. Hutton Potts, Dr. J. W. Noble, W. H. Wickham, G. Murray Bain, T. F. Hough, C. H. Ross, Dr. J. H. Sanders, W. Taylor, D. Toldow, H. M. H. Nemazee, F. H. Thomas, and F. G. Carroll.

The Chief Manager having read the notice convening the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN read the report and afterwards said:—Gentlemen, Before proceeding to discuss the report and accounts I have to refer with deep regret to the great loss sustained by the Bank through the death of Sir Ewen Cameron. The high tribute paid to his services by the Chairman in 1905, when prolonged illness led to his enforced retirement from active duty, will not be forgotten. Although in failing health, he continued up to the day of his death to take the keenest interest in all that concerned the Bank and as a member of the London Consulting Committee was ever ready to give to the management the benefit of his ripe judgment and varied experience of men and affairs. By his death the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank loses a wise and able counsellor and one whose name will always occupy a prominent place in its history. I have also to express on my own behalf and on that of my colleagues on the Board our sorrow at the untimely death of Mr. C. G. B. Brodersen, Mr. Brodersen had been a Director for a short period only but long enough to prove himself a valuable member of the Board and to earn our esteem.

Turning now to the accounts, you will see that the result of the half year's working, including \$2,005,774.81 carried over from the previous six months, leaves the sum of \$5,629,125.65 available for distribution, and I hope you will approve of a dividend of £2 per share; a bonus of 5/- per share; \$5 lacs added to silver reserve fund; and about \$20 lacs carried forward, as recommended by your Directors. Despite all we have heard about dull and restricted trade, the Bank has had a good half year and it is a great pleasure to the Board to be in a position to recommend a bonus of 5/- per share in addition to the main dividend. I need hardly say that these results

testify to the manner in which the Staff, from the Chief Manager downwards, continue to work in the interests of the Bank, and I am sure that you will approve the action of your Directors in voting, as a mark of appreciation, a bonus of 10 per cent. on salaries (applause). Comparing the statement of assets and liabilities with that of six months ago, you will notice an all-round increase in the figures. Chinese New Year fell on January 22nd, and its near approach, when money is always in special demand, accounts for the increase of some \$35 lacs in the note circulation. Deposits show the large increase of about \$45 millions. Of this increase gold deposits account for nearly \$31 millions, and although the lower rate of exchange on the 31st December last is responsible for a great amount expressed in dollars still in sterling the increase is £2,400,000, which being mainly due to the proceeds of recently issued public loans, that have not yet been drawn from our London Office, can only be considered as temporary. In the increase of \$12 millions in the silver deposits may be seen a reflection of restricted trade, as a great proportion of such increase no doubt represents accumulation of capital waiting for a trade revival. You will readily understand that some difficulty was experienced in finding remunerative employment during the half year for this large increase in the amount of money entrusted to the Bank's keeping. Bills payable show an increase of \$30 lacs. On the other side, the amount of dollars deposited with the Hongkong Government is raised from \$10,000,000 to \$13,000,000. Cash and bullion in hand and in transit, are higher by about \$48 lacs. Bills discounted, loans and credits have increased by \$10 millions and bills receivable by \$27 millions. Consols, Colonial and other securities show an increase of \$48 lacs, due to temporary investments on account of the increased resources already referred to. In China the period under review has been one of great moment. The almost simultaneous deaths of the Emperor and the Empress Dowager whose influence over the destinies of China has made itself felt for a long period of years, and the accession of an infant to the throne with his father as Prince Regent, are events which have occurred, fortunately, without the peace of the land being disturbed. Let us hope that under the new régime many of the more urgently needed reforms will be inaugurated and carried into effect and that fresh developments of the Empire's vast potential resources may give a new impetus to the national prosperity and increasingly promote the well being of the people. Favourable crops in India have stimulated exports and the recuperative power of the country is again manifesting itself. After a period of anxiety, due to curtailed applications for allotment, it is satisfactory to note an increasing demand in London for remittances to India by Council bills, and further evidence of returning prosperity is to be found in the continued demand for bar-silver. The contin-

ance of the India demand, displaying as it does a remarkable capacity for absorbing silver independently of Government requirements, has been at once the chief feature and the principal support of the silver market; not, however, without encouraging new speculative tendencies which result in keeping the market in a highly sensitive state rendering it liable to frequent fluctuations and producing an unsettling effect upon the China trade.

Although I cannot say that trade in the Far East during the past six months has been altogether satisfactory, yet the hopeful view of the prospects taken at our last meeting has, I think, been justified. A healthier tone is noticeable, business generally is on a sounder basis, stocks of imports are gradually being reduced and crops have been good. Renewed commercial activity has sprung up throughout America while in Europe money continues plentiful and cheap. Thus the time seems ripe for a return to prosperity and the commencement of a new period of expansion in trade. (Applause).

No questions being asked.

Mr. C. H. Ross seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts. In doing so he said:—Gentlemen,—It affords me considerable pleasure to second the report and accounts which have just been presented for your acceptance. The Chairman's reference to the loss we have sustained through the much-to-be-regretted death of Sir Ewen Cameron, and the acknowledgment of the valuable and practically life-long service which he rendered to the Bank will, I feel sure, be appreciated by all shareholders present and absent. (Applause). The accounts presented, Gentlemen, do not seem to me to require any comment. They appear satisfactory,—and I think we are to be congratulated on the very excellent results of the past half-year's working which our Directors have today presented. If this be the result of a half year of dull and restricted trade, what indeed may be expected when the tide of prosperity again flows in the Far East! (Applause). A brief reference was made by the Chairman to changes which have taken place in the past few months,—changes which, as the Chairman remarked, are of great moment. The disappearance of that commanding personality, the great Empress Dowager, from the autocratic position which she had held for such a long period,—the death of the Emperor Kwang-Han, and the accession to the throne of an Infant,—are events, indeed, which for good or ill must affect the Empire with which our interests are so closely connected. Happily, the peace of the land has not been disturbed, and the changes consequent on the commencement of this new reign appear to be taking place in a quiet, orderly and commonsense manner. The Regent, Prince Chun, who will hold the helm of State for many years to come, has the inestimable advantage, which I believe no other Chinese ruler of modern times has ever possessed, of having travelled beyond the limit of the Empire and visited foreign countries. It may be presumed therefore that his horizon is not altogether limited to within the walls of the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace, and I cannot help thinking that this knowledge of the outside world must be of great value to the country which he rules. I trust therefore that the Empire in which all of us have such great and important interests may be entering upon a new and prolonged period of prosperity, and that slow but sure progress may be made with the many reforms which are so urgently needed. (Applause). Gentlemen, results such as have today been presented for your acceptance and approval, can only be brought about by hard work and good judgment. Our thanks are therefore surely due to the Chief Manager and the Staff who have achieved for us these splendid earnings. (Applause)—and I feel sure that you will all most cordially approve of the bonus to the Staff which has been voted by the Directors. (Applause). Gentlemen, I have very great pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts as presented to you today. (Applause).

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. A. FINDLAY SMITH proposed that the election of Mr. H. A. Siebs as a Director be confirmed and that Mr. E. Sheehan, Mr. E. Sheilman and the Honourable Mr. H. A. W. Slade be re-elected Directors.

Mr. JOHN A. TUPP seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. E. F. MACKAY, seconded by Mr. G. MURRAY BAIN, Mr. W. Hutton Potts and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar were re-elected Auditors.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

Before the meeting separated, Captain C. V. LLOYD, rose and said:—As almost, if not quite the oldest constituent of the Bank in the East, it seems not inappropriate that it should fall to my lot to say a few words to-day in recognition of the splendid services of our Board of Directors; what those are, you have already seen in the report which is now in your hands, and no eulogy of mine would add to their worth, although no doubt you will realize that more effectively when the dividend warrants are handed round. Let times be ever so good, good dividend is as essential in the prosperous days as in the days of adversity, and I think we can congratulate ourselves on having secured that in our Board, and I have much pleasure in asking you to join me in a vote of thanks to the men who have so successfully and triumphantly piloted the ship of the Bank through the troubled financial waters of the past year. (Applause).

The CHAIRMAN—On behalf of the directors I thank you for your vote of thanks. This concluded the proceedings.

How to be BEAUTIFUL—Keep your complexion, Mrs. E. E. Crème Chamois, Lait Chamois and Special Skin Tonic and Poudre Chamois will enable you to do it. Her Specialities for the Skin are the study of a lifetime. A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. Sole Agents, 152.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Wasn't it curious that the meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank should be held in Race Meeting week and disclose a record of good business done? I don't mean to suggest that it was cause and effect. It is merely a coincidence.

Reflections after the Races are not profitable, unless they be never to be again, but even should such a resolution be contemplated it is found difficult to adhere to it next year when the event looms large and its financial possibilities fascinate the ordinary individual. After all the excitement was pleasurable and the fun was good, and if one has not depleted his finances too seriously one ought to feel the better for three or four days when carping care was driven to the winds and even business ceased to worry. The Races took most people out of themselves, and for that we ought to be glad. The change—to other people—must have been appreciable.

There were many tales told of men suddenly raised from a status of financial depression to comparative affluence and corresponding elation, but there is a charming simplicity about the story of the Chinaman who after studying the board to see if he had drawn anything in the cash sweep, noticed a compatriot nervously fumbling a piece of paper. The latter was unable to read English, but his joy can be imagined when his more accomplished compatriot informed him that the ticket which he held was worth \$8,000. There would be jubilation in that man's house when he got home.

The funniest story of the races I have heard related to two men who fancied a certain horse when it appeared and on being informed by a bystander that its name was such and such and placed their money on it. To their disgust they saw the animal coming in last, but what was their surprise to find that their tickets were for the winning horse. They had been wrongly informed as to the name of their fancy but had luckily backed the winner. Some people have the luck.

While writing on the subject of luck, I should mention the experience of a local broker. He contemplated a Sunday trip to Macao and overnight he had a dream in which the figures 4, 1, 4 kept recurring. On landing at Macao he was conveyed in a ricksha to his hotel, and as he intended retaining the vehicle he went behind it to note the number. There he saw the same figures 414. As he had related his dream and subsequent experience to the friends who were with him, they accompanied him to the ricksha house, where other numbers had been turning up but immediately the broker put his money down the figure four brought him a fair return. The next time he bet on the figure one. He won again. And so on for seven times. Then it stopped. And the gamblers stopped too, and returned home, well satisfied with their good fortune. Some of our friends who dabble in occult sciences might be able to furnish an explanation. I can't.

The spring exodus has commenced. The first contingents are already on the homeward journey and preparations for departure are noticeable in many houses. Next month however should see the big rush.

The inadequacy of magisterial sentences crops up again. Last week Mr. Wood sent a man who returned from banishment to six weeks' imprisonment, while Mr. Kemp imposed a sentence of six months' imprisonment for a like offence. The comparison suggests that the former gentleman either regards the offence as less serious than the other or else he holds different ideas on the subject of punishment. Perhaps we might do worse than give some consideration to the Spanish system which still obtains in the Philippines of codifying punishments. It makes impossible such anomalies as those recorded. Each offence has a stated punishment.

We can quite understand the tired feeling which now prevails in Manila. The strenuous days of the carnival, with its prolonged joys, are over, and its citizens are realising that twenty-four hours per diem of enjoyment is too much even for the American constitution.

Those who patronised "A Country Girl" recall the smile which followed Nan's statement that she would be engaged at night counting beans,—counting how many made five, as she subsequently explained. But even Nan would be disappointed had she been confronted by the mathematician who in demonstrating to his class the use of the slide scale said: "We will now multiply two by two." He gravely announced the result as "3.9, which for practical purposes we may take to be four." Probably he knew how many beans made five.

I don't know whether it will popularise whisky or popularise suicide, but I could not help being struck by the news which I read in a home paper the other day that a domestic servant had committed suicide by drinking a pint of whisky, suffocation consequent on alcoholic poisoning being the verdict of the jury. Whisky has many uses, but this is the first recorded instance of its being utilised for the purpose of committing suicide. But I don't anticipate our good folks in the East will worry over this. Their capacities remove them from all danger in this direction.

RODERICK RANDOM.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. & M. str. *Zafiro* left Manila on the 20th inst. and is due here to-day at 6 p.m.

The German str. *Borneo* left Sandakan on Friday, the 19th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 25th inst.

The str. *Glamorganshire*, left Singapore on the 19th inst. at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on 26th inst.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE OFF DAY RACES.

Saturday was the off day, and although the card only contained five events, the attendance of the public was large indeed. Good sport was witnessed and the surprise of the afternoon was the victory of Posidon in the last race, Schorr, who, despite his many successes in the North, having failed to bring off a win until the final effort. The programme was carried out with the same smoothness and orderliness which characterised the entire meeting. Details of the various events are appended:

THE "LUCKY" CUP.—Value £250. Presented. For all Subscription Grifflins that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced runners allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10 to go to Second Pony. Half a mile.

Mr. Humphrey's Sir Joseph 11st 11lb (Mr. Dupree) 1
Capt Barker's Shann Abco 10st 12lb (Capt Heathcote) 2
Mr. John Peel's Dunkerry 11st 4lb (Mr. Gresson) 3
Mr. Olympia's Hippodrome 10st 7lb (Mr. Schorr) 0
Mr. Olympia's Horacles 10st 13lb (Mr. Jordan) 0
Admiral Lambton's Horatio 10st 4lb (Mr. Mackie) 0

Mr. S. V.'s Chichory 10st 10lb (Mr. Oliver) 0
Mr. Scarlett's White Knight 10st 7lb (Mr. Scarlett) 0
Mr. Clanchester's Jack Straw 10st 7lb (Mr. Clanchester) 0

Messrs R. R. Hynd and A. C. Hynes's Bagby Dun 10st 10lb (Mr. Morris) 0
Mr. Christiani's Droschekengal 10st 10lb (Mr. Petterson) 0
Mr. F. C. R. Studd's Butcher 10st 12lb (Mr. Hickman) 0

Mr. Humphrey's Resignation 10st 12lb (owner) 0
Mr. D. Macdonald's Highland Laddie 10st 12lb (Mr. Vidal) 0
Mr. Elbow's Regret 10st 13lb (Mr. Roberts) 0
Mr. Ottery's Torridge 10st 8lb (Hon. Mr. May) 0

Highland Laddie led from the start from Regret, but Sir Joseph displaced the latter at the village, but Sir Joseph came on in fine style in the straight and beat the field, winning by two lengths from Shann Abco.

Time—1.01.
Cash sweeps, \$683.55, \$195.50, \$97.65.
Parimutuel—winner \$27; placed ponies, \$9.75, \$152.00, \$12.20.

THE "LITTLE GEM" CUP.—Presented. For all Grifflins that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Grifflins that have run at this Meeting and been placed second allowed 3lb. Those that have been placed third allowed 5lb. Unplaced Subscription Grifflins allowed 10lb. Off-day Winner barred. Entrance \$10 to go to Second Pony. From the Two Mile Post Once round and in.

Mr. John Peel's Garth 11st 4lb (Mr. Gresson) 0
Messrs Findlay and Moir's Strathdallas 11st 4lb (Mr. Vidal) 0

The horses kept together all the way until the village bend where Garth obtained a slight lead and gradually increasing it in the straight walked home an easy winner.

Time—2.24.
Cash sweeps, \$1,532.25 and \$510.75. Parimutuel—winner \$9.10; place \$7.70.

THE VISITORS' CUP.—Value \$250. Presented. For all China ponies that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced ponies and *bona fide* Grifflins on date of entry allowed 5lb. Subscription Grifflins of this season allowed 10 lb. Allowances not accumulative. Off-day Winners barred. Entrance \$10 to go to Second Pony. One Mile and a quarter.

Mr. Dryadust's Coxcumb 10st 12lb (Mr. Dupree) 0
Hon. Mr. May's Astral 10st 12lb (owner) 0

Another chase, Coxcumb led from the start and made the pace all the way till the incline when Astral closed up a little and Coxcumb was whipped into the straight and reached home with several lengths to spare.

Time—2.40.25.
Cash sweeps, \$168.75 and \$562.50. Parimutuel—winner \$6.40; place \$6.50.

THE "BARRY" CUP.—Presented. For Subscription Grifflins of this season that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai, or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount allowed 7 lb. Off-day Winners barred. Entrance \$10 to go to Second Pony. One Mile.

Mr. Ottery's Tamar 10st 12, 7lb allowance (Mr. Vidal) 1
Capt Barker's Shann Abco 10st 8, 7lb (Mr. Heathcote) 2
Mr. Gibbon Moore's Lyman 10st 8lb, 7lb (owner) 3

Mr. J. S. Sill's Gambler 10st 9lb allowance (owner) 0
Mr. Scarlett's White Knight 10st 7lb allowance and 1lb overweight (Mr. Hickman) 0
Mr. Scarlett's White Knight 10st 7lb allowance and 2lb overweight (owner) 0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Bystander 11st 11lb (Mr. Dupree) 0

Mr. Wheeler's Pip 10st 11lb (Mr. Morris) 0
Mr. C. H. Ross's Bon Alder 10st 13, 5lb allowance (Mr. May) 0

Tamar was favourite and justified the popular confidence. Shann Abco led at the start from Lyman with Tamar third. At the Village bend Lyman assumed the lead, but was challenged in the straight by Tamar, who won by several lengths from Shann Abco.

Time—2.10.
Cash sweeps, \$1,934.10, \$552.50 and \$276.50. Parimutuel—Winner \$12.60 placed ponies \$5.50, \$ 5.70 and \$5.

THE "ROSE" CUP.—Presented. For all China Ponies that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Grifflins allowed 5 lb. Subscription Grifflins allowed 7 lb. Off-day Winners barred. Entrance \$10 to go to Second Pony. Seven furlongs.

Mr. Olympia's Posidon, 10st 12lb (Mr. Schorr) 1
Major Eaton's Game Chick 10st 12lb (Mr. Vidal) 2
Mr. John Peel's Cattistock 10st 12lb (Mr. Scarlett) 3

Mr. Dryadust's Earthquake 10st 9lb (Mr. Gresson) 0
Lieut. Leeson's Soudan 11st 11lb (owner) 0

Posidon was the surprise of the day. Posidon, the outsider, winning from several determined rivals. After the ponies had travelled to the incline on the return journey Cattistock took the lead, the remainder bunching, but on entering the straight Posidon, who had been showing his paces all the way, challenged successfully, and reached home with Kingston just on his quarters.

Time—1.51.25.
Cash sweeps, \$2179.80, \$522.80, and \$511.40. Parimutuel—winner, \$97.10 placed ponies, \$21, \$9.50, \$21.

LOCAL SPORT.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

CRICKET.
Civil Service beat H. K. C. C. "B" by two wickets and 19 runs.
H. K. C. C. "A" beat the Telegraphs by four wickets and 250 runs.

FOOTBALL.
H.M.S. King Alfred beat H.K.F.C. 3-2.
H.M.S. Kent beat Y.M.C.A. 3-0.

LEAGUE CRICKET.
HONGKONG "B" v. CIVIL SERVICE.
This match took place on the Civil Service ground on Saturday afternoon and resulted in a win for the home team by 2 wickets and 19 runs. This is the first time the "B" team have been defeated. They were at a great disadvantage owing to the rough outfield and the peculiarities of the pitch which probably accounted for their defeat. There were a few spectators but the majority were attracted by either the racing or football.

Hancock won the toss and took the field, Phelps and Hutchison going to the wickets. Hancock sent down the first over from which 3 singles were scored, both batsmen playing careful cricket. Phelps had some injury to his leg and had a sub-running between the wickets. Pearce bowled at the opposite end. Hutchison scored a boundary, and followed with a single. Hancock's next over resulted in a couple with a difficult chance in the slips by Hutchison, who placed the next nicely past third man for 3. He then drove Pearce for 4 and 3 Phelps being content to play careful cricket. Hancock beat the batsman several times but the balls rose too high to do any damage. Pearce in the next over caught and bowled Hutchison. 26-1-21.

Read relieved and scored immediately by a hard drive for 2 past the bowler. Next over Phelps gave a chance and scored 4 by an overthrow. In the next Read lifted Pearce for 4 and 2 but was caught next ball by Hancock in the slips. 40-2-9.

Biden relieved and both batsmen played very carefully being better served by Hancock's deliveries which, however, rose too high to take the balls. Runs came slowly at this stage. Sharp relieved Pearce with the ball, and secured Phelps's wicket, the batsman retiring on an easy catch to third man. 59-3-13.

Sutherland succeeded and played out a maiden over. Sutherland took up the trundling at the other end. Biden sent his first delivery to the boundary. Sutherland did likewise, and later assisted a run from a hit to the on. Biden hesitated and Pearce was run out—66-4-20.

Raven parted Sutherland, who started hitting freely and scored several boundaries. He returned a hot one to Biden who dropped it. Next ball he sent over the top for 6, and the following for 3. Biden did likewise and 24 was scored off the two overs. Sharp's 10 and Clinton's 14. Hancock relieved the latter and ran came slowly. Raven shortly afterwards being bowled by a shooter of Hancock's—69-5-8.

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Amoy, 18th February, 1909. [362]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th February to the 6th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY, Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1909. [363]

TO LET.

NO. 77, WYNDHAM STREET, 1st Floor. Two Rooms with Bath Room and Kitchen. Full View of Harbour. Apply Within.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1909. [364]

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Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer, proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "ARABIA" due in London on the 16th April, 1909.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1909. [1]

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"FLINTSHIRE," Capt. G. C. Cuddy, S.M., having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on FRIDAY, the 26th inst., at 3 p.m. All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining uncollected after the 25th inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [330]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE Company's Steamship.

"HITACHI MARU," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where such consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day.

Goods not cleared by 27th Febr., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [366]

NEW ADVERTISEMENT

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"CATHERINE APCAR," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

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Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [365]

INTIMATIONS

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE BRITISH and MEXICAN DOLLARS, current in this Colony, in exchange for sterling Bills drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners or His Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT, until 11 a.m. on the 23rd February, 1909.

The Tenders to state the total amount (in pounds sterling) and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for less than £100.

The Tenders to be in duplicate, and in sealed covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the tenders is reserved.

Copies of Forms of tender can be had on application.

H. D. STACPOLE, Lt.-Col. A.P.D., Treasury, Chief Officer.

His Majesty's Treasury Office, Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [355]

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L. GIBBS, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [356]

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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

will be held at the Office of the General Managers at 12.30 p.m., on SATURDAY, 27th instant, to receive Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1908, and the Reports of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th instant, to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [340]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE FORTIETH MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 4th March, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th February to 4th March, both days inclusive.

By Order, C. PEMBERTON, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [335]

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will be held at the Office of the Undersigned at 12.30 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 9th March.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [357]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

LOST SHARE CERTIFICATE.

No. 4732-157229/157236-8 Shares in name of ETHEL NEWTON TAIKIE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a DUPLICATE of the above CERTIFICATE will be issued One Month hence, and the Original Certificate, unless produced at the Office of the General Managers within that period, will be held by the Company as Null and Void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [371]

PUBLIC COMPANIES.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, THIS DAY (MONDAY), the 22nd February, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1909. [247]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

of the above mentioned Company will be held at its Registered Office, Nos. 9 to 17, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1909, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions:—

1. That the capital of the Company be increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation of 8,000 additional shares of \$50 each raising for dividend and in all other respects par with the existing shares in the Company.

2. That the said 8,000 additional shares be offered in the first instance at par to all members of the Company registered as Shareholders on the First day of March, 1909, in the proportion of Two New Shares for every Three Original Shares held by them and upon the footing that Fifty per cent. of the full amount of each New Share taken up shall be paid to the Company, on acceptance of the offer and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined and that the directors be empowered to dispose of the Shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. MOONEY, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [339]

HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 25th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, 6, Collyer Quay, on SATURDAY, the 27th day of February, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1908, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

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Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [334]

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ONE OFFICE ROOM in Prince's Building

From 1st March.

Apply to—REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [263]

TO LET.

GOOD OFFICES at No. 2, PEDDER STREET.

Apply to—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [194]

TO LET.

COAL YARD. Immediate Possession.

A PORTION of the COMPOUND, of Marine Lot, No. 42, Waichai, Fraya East.

Apply to—N. MODY & CO., Hongkong, 23rd July, 1908. [107]

TO LET.

TO LET.

NO. 47, CAINE ROAD (next to Forest Lodge). Suitable for a Boarding House, School, College or Family Residence. Recently painted and renovated throughout. Immediate Possession.

Apply to—CHATER & MODY, Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [248]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Wong Nei Chong Road.

A HOUSE in RYON TERRACE, No. 10, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st floor.

"HATHERLEIGH," Conduit Road. OFFICES in YORK BUILDING.

GODOWNS in PRAYA EAST, BLUE BUILDINGS and No. 16B, Des Vaux Road next to the HONGKONG HOTEL.

FLATS in MORETON TERRACE. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [97]

TO LET.

THE FURNISHED FLAT on Top Floor

of Messrs. DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.'s Offices, Four Rooms with Kitchen and Bath Room. Terms on application to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., No. 1, Douglas Street. Hongkong, 4th February, 1909. [281]

TO LET.

NO. 3, ORMSBY VILLAS, KOWLOON.

No. 8, BARROW TERRACE, Kowloon. Cheap Rental.

Apply to—SPANISH DOMINICAN PROCURATION, Hongkong, 4th February, 1909. [280]

TO LET.

NOS. 2 & 3, BEACONFIELD ARCADE, facing the Parade Ground.

A 6-ROOMED HOUSE Furnished or Unfurnished at the Peak.

No. 6, CAMERON VILLAS, No. 59, Peak. Part of fully furnished HOUSE at Peak for 2 or 3 months from 1st May, 1909. Moderate Rental.

C.M.S. PEAK BUNGALOW, furnished, Mount Kallet, from 1st April to end of June, 1909.

N. 55 ELGIN TERRACE: BEACONFIELD ARCADE, Fine Offices and Dwelling Rooms.

No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, First & Top Floors, (over Calhoun MacGregor). OFFICES in Queen's Road Central, BEILIOS TERRACE HOUSES, ROBINSON ROAD.

A GODOWN in Duddell Street. Apply to—LINSTEAD & DAVIS, 5th Floor, Alexandra Building. Hongkong, 6th February, 1909. [100]

TO LET.

GODOWNS, Nos. 95, 96 and 97, PRAYA EAST.

Apply—CHATER & MODY, Victoria Buildings. Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [264]

TO LET.

FROM 1st MAY.

KOWLOON MARINE LOT 48, Yau-mat, Area 35,200 square feet and with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c.

Apply to—HUMPHREYS, ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD., Hongkong, 18th January, 1909. [103]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE, Kowloon.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [325]

TO LET.

STORAGE.

FOR COAL, TIMBER, &c.

TWO BELLET, a Portion of MARINE LOT No. 285 at NORTH POINT, Suitable for above Purpose. EXTENSIVE WATER FRONT. DEEP WATER.

Also FOR SALE. Portions of MARINE LOTS Nos. 31 & 36 on PRAYA EAST. Approximate AREA 43,000 square feet. 99 YEARS' LEASE. For Particulars, apply to—GEO. FENWICK & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [95]

TO LET.

ROOMS in HOTEL MANSIONS, suitable for Offices or Chambers.

Apply to—HENRY HUMPHREYS, Alexandra Buildings. Hongkong, 11th November, 1908. [104]

TO LET.

OFFICES and ROOMS on the 1st and 2nd Floors of No. 14, Des Vaux Road Central, formerly occupied by Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Apply to—THE COMPAGNIE DEPARTEMENT, E. D. SASSOON & Co., Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [105]

TO LET.

A BERTHOLWYN PEAK ROAD, Hot and Cold Water, well appointed Bathrooms, Kitchen and Drying Room. Tennis Court and Swimming Bath.

For Particulars apply to—HUMPHREYS, ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD., Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [125]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

"FUNG SHUI," 121, PLANTATION ROAD THE PEAK. Drawing and Dining Rooms, Three Large and One Small Bedrooms, Dressing and Bath Rooms, Pantry, Kitchen and Laundry, Servants' Quarters, Poultry House, Large Vegetable Garden, Flower Garden, and Lawn.

Apply to—JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors, 8, Des Vaux Road Central. Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [110]

BANKS.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

CAPITAL PAID-UP Yen 24,000,000

RESERVE FUND 15,000,000

AUCTIONS:

PUBLIC AUCTION:

THE Undersigned have been favoured with instructions from HENRY HUMPHREYS, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 24th and 25th February, 1909, commencing at 2 P.M., and on the following day at 11 A.M., respectively, within his residence, "ABERTHOLWYN,"

SUNDAY

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—

SILK-COVERED DRAWING ROOM

and COSY CORNER by Maple, CHIP-

PENDALE CHAIRS, MOROCCO,

COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE,

a Large Assortment of CANTON CARVED

BLACKWOOD WARE, CARVED

CHERRYWOOD DESK and OVERMAN-

TEL with BEVELLED GLASS, BRONZE

FIGURES with ELECTRIC LIGHTS

COMBINED, EXTENSION DINING

TABLE, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD with

BEVELLED GLASS, by Hall & Hotz,

JAPANESE GOLD LACQUERED

CABINETS, DOUBLE & SINGLE BRASS

BEDSTEPS with WIRE and HAIR

MATTRESSES, TEAKWOOD WARD-

ROBES with BEVELLED GLASS,

DRESSING TABLE, CHEST-OF-

DRAWERS and MARBLE-TOP WASH-

STANDS all L. C. & Co.'s make, GLASS,

CROCKERY and E.P. WARE, Persian and

Turkish CARPETS (New) and RUGS,

WATER COLOURS, many fine STEEL

ENGRAVINGS (artist's proofs) and very

fine OIL PAINTINGS by Haywood Hardy,

SYDNEY COOPER, PHIL. MOERS and

other well-known ARTISTS' MARBLE

CLOCKS by Maple and others;

One IRON SAFE by Chubb's and One

BOUDOIR GRAND PIANO by Collard &

Collard, (almost new).

On View from THURSDAY, the 25th instant.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [350]

PONIES! PONIES! PONIES!

THE Undersigned will hold their Annual

Sale of Race Ponies by Public Roup as

under—

On WEDNESDAY,

the 24th February, 1909, at 3 P.M., Opposite

the City Hall.

ABOUT FIFTY LOTS.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1909. [346]

PUBLIC AUCTION,

THE Undersigned have received instructions

from W. E. CLARKE, Esq., to sell by

Public Auction, on FRIDAY,

the 26th February, 1909, at 2 P.M., within his

Residence, "ABERTHOLWYN," The Peak;

SUNDAY

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—

Silk Tapestry-Covered DRAWING ROOM

SUITE, an Assortment of CARVED CANTON

BLACKWOOD WARE, EXTENSION

DINING TABLE, DINNER WAGON,

TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD with BEVEL-

LED GLASS, SINGLE IRON BEDSTEPS

with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES,

TEAKWOOD WARDROBES and DRESS-

ING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS,

MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, CAR-

PETS, RUGS, GLASS CROCKERY and

E.P. WARE, PICTURES, COOKING

STOVE and UTENSILS, &c., &c.,

ALSO

One IRON SAFE by Milners, One

SEMI-GRAND PIANO by Haake and One

TENNIS NET and POLES, &c., &c.

On View on THURSDAY, the 25th instant.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [358]

ICE

1 CENT PER POUND.

MANUFACTURED from Pure Distilled

Water. Quality unexcelled. For Sale

at Our Depot No. 51, Des Vaux Road.

Send for Pass Book or Tickets.

ORIENTAL BREWERY LTD.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1909. [343]

SUTTON'S SEEDS.

Special Selections for South China.

CHINA EXPRESS CO.

3, Duddell Street, Hongkong.

Shipping and Insurance Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1909. [50]

GRACA & CO.

(Established 1896.)

No. 27 Des Vaux Road.

Dealers in

POSTAGE STAMPS

and all Philatelic Goods.

Philatelic Post Cards, Birthday Cards,

MANILA CIGARS and CIGARETTES

Albums, Novels,

Twoziers, Hinges, Liners, Flower Seeds,

etc., etc., etc.

Inspection solicited.

JUST WHAT IS REQUIRED.

INDIA LINEN, INDIA NAINSOOK

INDIA MADAPOLAM, INDIA

LONGCLOTH and INDIA MUSLIN.

HOOSAIN-ALI & Co.,

No. 14, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [41]

COMPANY REPORT.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the share-

holders at the fortieth ordinary meeting, on

Tuesday, March 9th, is as follows:—

The General Managers and Consulting Com-

mittee have pleasure in submitting to the

shareholders the fortieth annual report of the

Company.

1907 ACCOUNT.

This account shows a profit of \$330,232.90

which sum, subject to the approval of the share-

holders, it is proposed to deal with as follows,

viz:—

Dividend of \$27 per share... \$216,000.00

Addition to Reserve Fund... 114,232.90

\$330,232.90

1908 ACCOUNT.

The balance at credit of this account is

\$368,711.23.

MORTGAGES.

From the reports and valuations made by the

Company's Surveyors, the General Managers

and Consulting Committee are satisfied that the

properties held by the Company form ample

security for the advances made.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

In accordance with section 13 of the Articles

of Association, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G.,

Messrs. White, Matheson and Gubbay retire, but

being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs.

W. Hutton Potts and H. Percy Smith, F.C.A.,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.

General Managers,

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1908.

LIABILITIES.

Capital 9,000 shares of \$250 each=

\$2,250,000.00 of which \$50 per

share has been paid up... \$4,400,000.00

Reserve fund... 1,323,943.56

Uncollected dividends... 12,593.05

Accounts payable... 47,469.94

Working Account, 1907... 330,232.90

Working Account, 1908... 368,711.23

Amount brought forward from

below... 368,711.23

\$2,482,948.68

ASSETS.

Cash, on current account with

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-

ing Corporation... \$137,319.46

Cash in hands of General

Managers... 680.12

Fixed Deposits... \$50,000.00

H'kong & Shanghai Bank-

ing Corp'n... 50,000.00

Charter. Hk. of India, Aust. & China, 50,000.00

Mercantile Bank of India, Limited... 25,000.00

125,000.00

Mortgages... \$1,139,549.99

In Hongkong... 744,673.89

In Shanghai... 1,884,223.68

Japanese Government deposits:—

Consolidation bonds \$19,277.51

Imperial bonds... 45,376.28

War bonds... 17,794.62

82,448.41

Chinese Imperial Go-

vernment loan, 1896 \$21,207.74

Shanghai Land In-

vestment Company, Debentures

27,586.20

Shanghai Club de

bonaires... 26,666.67

Hongkong Hotel

Company Ltd., de-

bonaires... 52,000.00

127,460.61

Accounts receivable... 125,815.20

\$2,482,948.68

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1907.

Dr.

Losses and Claims... \$123,730.30

Charges... 39,279.91

Reimbursement to Consulting

Committee and Auditors... 5,500.00

Commissions... 48,997.71

Balance as above... 330,232.90

\$547,740.82

Cr.

Not Premia received, less re-

turns and reinsurance... \$385,456.78

Interest... 156,851.54

Transfer fees... 102.00

Exchange... 5,330.50

\$547,740.82

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1908.

Dr.

Losses and claims... \$81,237.50

Charges... 34,635.19

Commissions... 49,305.20

Exchange... 2,871.51

Balance as above... 368,711.23

\$536,762.03

Cr.

Not Premia received, less returns

and reinsurance... \$374,694.03

Interest... 161,979.00

Transfer Fees... 89.00

\$536,762.03

FOR THOSE GOING HOME.

The Hotel Riposo advertised in our columns

is openy situated in the best position on the sea-

front of the healthy town of Bexhill (England)

which enjoys a bracing climate, and a maximum

of brilliant sunshine, and the seabed being

sandy and porous it dries quickly after rain.

There is an excellent golf course, 18 holes, with

an uninterrupted view of the sea and very

moderate fees. The Hotel practically adjoins

the first Tee and is widely patronised by golfers

at all seasons. Mrs. Gibson, the proprietress,

superintends every detail of the management, the

result being that visitors experience a sense of

real home comfort, combined with prompt

business-like attention. There is a good recrea-

tion room where most enjoyable dances and

other entertainments are frequently arranged,

an excellent billiard table and all the public

rooms have a good outlook to the sea; in fact

nothing is wanting in this well-appointed and

well-conducted house to ensure a pleasant and

beneficial visit.

THE LOSS OF THE "REPUBLIC."

HEROES OF THE DISASTER.

CAPTAIN SEALBY'S ACCOUNT OF THE

DISASTER.

The White Star liner Republic, which was

rammed by the Italian Lloyd steamer Florida

on the morning of the 16th ult. during a dense

fog in the Atlantic, sank at 8.30 p.m. while

labouring to reach New York, towed by the

American revenue cutter Gresham, assisted by

the Anchor liner Furness. She now lies ben-

neath forty fathoms of water, ten miles south of

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

ADMIRAL BORRERIN, Norwegian str., 2,621. Wismar, 20th Feb.—Kutchnin 13th Feb.—General—Wismar & Co.

BANDAI MARU, Japanese str., 2,000. Y. Motosaki, 19th Feb.—Mojji 13th Feb.—General—Nishisawa Co.

BENVENUE, British str., 2,515. R. Krobbe, 21st Feb.—London via ports 5th Jan., General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

CATHERINE APCAR, British str., 1,730. P. W. Williams, 19th Feb.—Calcutta and Straits, 2nd Feb., General—David Smeaton & Co.

CHIRSHING, British str., 1,192. F. Mooney, 19th Feb.—Wakamatsu 14th Feb.—General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DACRE CASTLE, British str., 2,555. B. V. Smith, 21st Feb.—New York 27th Dec., General—Doddwell & Co.

EMPEROR OF INDIA, British str., 3,032. E. Beetham, 20th Feb.—Vancouver 28th Jan., General—C. P. R. Co.

FRINTSHIRE, British str., 2,473. C. E. Candy, 19th Feb.—London 25th Dec., General—Shevan, Thomas & Co.

FEIKU MARU, Jap. str., 1,946. S. Kumawaki, 20th Feb.—Mojji 13th Feb.—General—Matsui Bishi Goshi Kaisha.

GREYFALG, British str., 2,846. Steel, 24th Feb.—Newcastle 25th Jan.—General—Messageries Maritimes.

HAIVANG, British str., 1,352. A. E. Hodgins, 21st Feb.—Foschoo and Ports 20th Feb., General—Douglas, LaPrairie & Co.

HANGSANG, British str., 1,356. S. Wilde, 21st Feb.—Shanghai 16th and 20th Feb., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HITACHI MARU, Japanese str., 4,165. F. E. Cope, 20th Feb.—Singapore 14th Feb.—General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

HUNAN, British str., 1,143. Benson, 19th Feb.—Wei-hai-wei 13th Feb.—General—Butterfield & Swire.

KAGOSHIMA MARU, Japanese str., 3,373. T. Anakawa, 20th Feb.—Mojji 14th Feb., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

KINSHIRO, German steamer, 646. D. Henk, 21st Feb.—Pakhoi 17th and Hoihow 19th Feb., General—Johnson & Co.

KWANTUNG, Chinese str., 1,356. W. H. Lunt, 20th Feb.—Shanghai 17th Feb.—General—Chow.

LEIPZIG, German str., 3,200. Heuser, 21st Feb.—Swatow 20th Feb.—General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LOONGHANG, British str., 1,092. S. J. Payne, 20th Feb.—Hilo 15th Feb., Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ONSANG, British str., 1,787. Houghton, 21st Feb.—Hongkong 17th Feb.—General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PITCHBURGH, German str., 1,373. C. Wolf, 21st Feb.—Bangkok 11th and Swatow 20th Feb., General—Butterfield & Swire.

TAIYUAN, British str., 1,459. L. Dawson, 20th Feb.—Sydney and Australia 28th Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.

DEPARTURES.
19th Feb.—
NORMAN PRINCE, British str., for Shanghai.
20th Feb.—
BRITANNIA, British str., for Europe, &c.
CHOWHAI, German str., for Bangkok.
GERMANIA, German str., for Hongkong.
HUPH, British str., for Haiphong.
IDONENIS, British str., for Singapore.
JAPAN, British str., for Singapore.
LEOPARD, Aust.-Hungarian cruiser, for Home.
MONTROSE, British str., for Shanghai.
NAGAR, Norwegian str., for Tamsui.
RAJAH, German str., for Bangkok.
ROMA, British str., for Manila.
SULTAN, British str., for Yokohama.
TARNODAS, Dutch str., for Mojji.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *C. Apeur* reports: Moderate N.E. monsoon clear.

The British str. *Haivang* reports: Strong N.E. breeze and sea, overcast and fine.

The British str. *Bornerin* reports: Fresh monsoon rough sea as far as Panchoi then fine until 30 miles south of Hongkong strong.

The British str. *Chirshing* reports: Moderate to fresh S.W. and N.W. winds to lat 33 degree N, lat 33 degree N to lat 27 degree moderate variable winds, lat 27 degree N to Tarnabout moderate N.E. monsoon and sea, Tarnabout to port moderate to light variable winds, hazy weather fine throughout.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

ABERDEEN DOCK.—*Bujin Maru*.
KOWLOON DOCK.—H.M.S. *Whiting*, *Tarlac*, *Taihan*, *Minas de Batan*, *Patra*, *Japan*.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—*Gleologic*.

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FOR MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Ports in the United Kingdom and the Continent.

THE Steamship

"MONTGOMERYSHIRE" will be despatched as above on or about the 23rd February.
For Freight, &c., apply to—
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD., Agents.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1909. [249]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT). Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID. (Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS to PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE AND ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"SILEZIA" Capt. Radonich, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 25th February, 1909. This Steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, electric light and carries a doctor and stowaways.
For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to—
SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.
Princes Buildings, Hongkong, 26th January, 1909. [3]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h" midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blakes Pier. 3 From Blakes Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & RIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MALTA	Brit. str.	—	W. F. Crossley, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 24th inst.
LONDON &c. via USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	B. W. H. Snow	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 6th March, at Noon.
BREMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Hasse	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th inst.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	WESTPHALIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th March.
HAVE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Babel	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-morrow.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	SAKONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 28th inst.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	MONTGOMERYSHIRE	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 27th inst.
MARSEILLES & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	YEDDO	Jap. str.	—		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 2nd March, at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, &c. via PORTS OF CALL.	YONAKATA	Jap. str.	—		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 3rd March, at D'light.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SAZAZIE	Fr. str.	—	A. Keith	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th Mar., at D'light.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	AWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	C. H. Butler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th March.
MARSEILLES & LONDON VIA BOMBAY	TAMBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.N.R.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 7th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ANTWERP, &c.	ATSUBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at Noon.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGERS, GIBRALTAR &c.	P. R. LUTFOLD	Ger. str.	—	H. Kirohner	MELCHERS & CO.	On 10th March.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGERS, GIBRALTAR, &c.	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	P. Groesch	MELCHERS & CO.	On 25th inst.
TRIESTE, &c. via SINGAPORE, &c.	SILEZIA	Aus. str.	—	Radonich	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	About 23rd inst.
NEW YORK	SUBUGA	Brit. str.	—		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 2nd March, at Noon.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	MONTAGLE	Brit. str.	1 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 13th March, at 7 A.M.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	2 m.		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 11th March.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA JAPAN, &c.	KAGASHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. C. A. Hall	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd March, at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TAKASHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	G. S. Lapraik	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th Mar., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TAKASHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Harrison	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd March, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	TAITIAN	Brit. str.	—	J. Minness	MELCHERS & CO.	On 26th inst., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA PORT DARWIN	ALDENHAM	Brit. str.	—	L. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd March, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	St. John George	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 10th March, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th April, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	N. Mathieson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 8th April, at 4 P.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	G. W. Eddy	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th Mar., at Noon.
JAPAN	TIJAWONG	Dut. str.	—	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	Quick despatch.
WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	HANGCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	Jurriance	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIFT	To-day, at 4 P.M.
TIENSIN	HUICHOW	Brit. str.	—	Mawley	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 8 P.M.
TIENSIN	CHICHEN	Brit. str.	—	F. Mooney	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
CHINKIANG	SZCHUEN	Brit. str.	1 m.	Sidford	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	TAKASHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. Mocher	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	HANGSANG	Brit. str.	—	A. E. Sandbach	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	JILYRIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Kotze	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 25th inst.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SPEZIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Robertson	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 26th inst.
SHANGHAI	SHAOSHING	Aus. str.	—	Rud. Meyer	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KLEIST	Ger. str.	1 m.	X.	MELCHERS & CO.	About 25th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NEBA	Fr. str.	—	G. W. Cookman, R.N.R.	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 1st March, P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	PALMA	Brit. str.	—	Bradley	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 1st March.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	KUTSANG	Brit. str.	—	T. Savage	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 2nd March, at Noon.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	CHOSHUN MARU	Jap. str.	—	C. D. Bennett	SAKATA SHOSUN KAISHA	On 4th March, at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI	TIJATAP	Dut. str.	—	P. J. van Emmerik	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 4th March.
SHANGHAI	SHOCHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	Ijohi	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIFT	Quick despatch.
AMOI	JOHIN MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Murayama	OSAKA SHOSUN KAISHA	On 3rd March, at 8 A.M.
AMOI	TIJMAHI	Dut. str.	—	de Brouwers	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIFT	On 28th inst., at 9 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Hodgins	DOUGLAS LA PRAIRIE & CO.	Quick despatch.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Passmore	DOUGLAS LA PRAIRIE & CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	HUPH	Brit. str.	1 m.	Spink	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst., at Noon.
MANILA	TEAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. W. Outerbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	S. J. Payne	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	To-morrow, at 8 P.M.
MANILA	RUEN	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Rolfe	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA	ZAPIRO	Brit. str.	—	R. Rodger	SERVAN TOMES & CO.	On 26th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA	TAMING	Brit. str.	—	A. Somerville	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., at Noon.
MANILA	RUEN	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almond	SERVAN TOMES & CO.	On 2nd March, at 4 P.M.
SANDAKAN	MAHANG	Brit. str.	—	Weigall	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 6th March, at Noon.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	BORNEO	Brit. str.	—	F. Semblil	MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.
ROMBEY VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	MYOTI MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. C. Richards	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	Beginning of March.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	NAMSANG	Brit. str.	—	M. B. Lake	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 4th March.

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Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
GYMERIC	4,002	J. C. A. Hall	On 11th March.
KUMERIC	6,232	F. S. Cowley	On 8th April.
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	"PRINZ REGENT LUITFOLD"	Wed. day, 24th Feb., at Noon.
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"MANILA"	Thursday, 25th Feb., at 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"KLEIST"	About Thursday, 25th Feb.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	"BORNEO"	Beginning of March.

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"MONTAGLE"	6,163	TUESDAY, 2nd March	26th March
"EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000	SATURDAY, 13th March	2nd April
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	SATURDAY, 10th April	30th April
"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000	SATURDAY, 1st May	22nd May
"MONTAGLE"	6,163	TUESDAY, 11th May	4th June
"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000	SATURDAY, 22nd May	12th June

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"NERA"	On 1st March, P.M.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	"SALAZIE"	On 2nd March, 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"CALEDONIE"	On 15th March, P.M.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	"TOURANE"	On 15th March, 1 P.M.

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Hongkong, 13th February, 1909. [333]

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S.S. "SURUGA" About 23rd Feb.

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [1712]



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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PEN- ANG, COLOMBO PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	MALTA Capt. W. F. Crossley, R.N.R.	About 24th March	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	PALMA Capt. G. W. Cockman, R.N.R.	About 1st March	Freight only.
SHANGHAI	MACEDONIA Capt. C. D. Bennett, R.N.R.	About 5th March	Freight and Passage.
LONDON via USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELTA Capt. B. W. H. Snow	Noon, 6th March	See Special Advertisement.

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E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1909.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD. SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
WEIHAIWEI and CHEFOO HOIHOW and HAIPHONG	HANGCHOW HUPEH	On 22nd Febr., 4 P.M. On 23rd Febr., 10 A.M.
MANILA TIENSIN CHINKIANG SHANGHAI	TEAN HUICHOW SZCHUEN SHAOHSING	On 23rd Febr., 3 P.M. On 23rd Febr., 4 P.M. On 23rd Febr., 4 P.M. On 23rd Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK- TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, PERMANTLE and PERTH	TAIYUAN	On 26th Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA and AUSTRALIA DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly. S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANTU"	TAMING CHANGSHA	On 2nd March, 3 P.M. On 8th April, 4 P.M.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SANDAKAN SHANGHAI MANILA TIENSIN MANILA SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	MAUSANG HANGSANG LOONGSANG CHIPSANG YUENSANG KUTSANG NAMSANG	Tuesday, 23rd Febr., Noon. Wed. day, 24th Febr., Noon. Wed. day, 24th Febr., 4 P.M. Wed. day, 24th Febr., 4 P.M. Friday, 26th Febr., 4 P.M. Tuesday, 2nd March, Noon. Saturday, 6th March, Noon.

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"HAIYANG"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 23rd Febr., at Noon.
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Hongkong, 20th February, 1909.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN	"YEDDO"	On 27th February.

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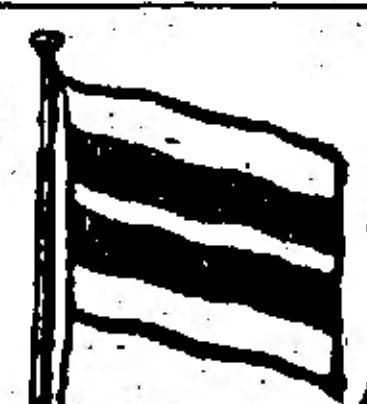
ATSUTA MARU	(Capt. W. THOMPSON)	About Wed. 7th April.
MIYASAKI MARU	(Capt. W. BAINBRIDGE)	About Wed. 5th May.
KITANO MARU	(Capt. —)	About Wed. 2nd June.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG— SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	AWA MARU TAMBA MARU	6309 6134	WED'DAY, 3rd March, at Daylight WED'DAY, 17th March, at Daylight
VIETORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and YOKOHAMA	KAGA MARU TOSU MARU	6301 5827	TUESDAY, 2nd March, at Noon TUESDAY, 16th March, at Noon
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, KUMANO MARU and BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU KUMANO MARU	5539 5076	FRIDAY, 19th March, at Noon FRIDAY, 16th April, at Noon
S HANG HAI, MOJI and KOBE	TAKASAKI MARU	4370	TUESDAY, 23rd February, at Noon
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	MOYORI MARU	3265	THURSDAY, 4th March, at Noon
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU	5076	WED'DAY, 17th March, at Noon

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Hongkong, 22nd February, 1909.

T. KUSUMOTO,
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Hongkong, 20th February, 1909.

Hongkong Office.

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REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG— SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO.'S S.S.	LEAVING
TANSUI via SWATOW & AMOY	"JOSHIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 28th Febr., at 9 A.M.
ANPING via SWATOW & AMOY	"SHOSHU MARU"	WED'DAY, 3rd March, at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	"CHOSHUN MARU"	THURSDAY, 4th March, at 8 A.M.

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TJIMAH	JAVA	First half of March	AMOY	Second half of March
TJILATJAP.	JAVA	Second half of March	SHANGHAI	Second half of March
TJIKINI	JAVA	Second half of March	JAPAN	First half of April
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"PRINCESS ALICE"	- 10,911 -	ON MARCH 10TH.
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Hongkong, 5th February, 1909.

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Hongkong, 20th February, 1909.

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Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Daire and Siberia.

25th February	at 8.15 p.m.
5th March	at 7.45 a.m.
12th March	at 11.45 a.m.
18th March	at 8.15 p.m.
25th March	at 11.45 a.m.

FOR	PER	DATE
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Yokohama	Monday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Manila	Monday, 22nd, 1.15 P.M.
Wellington and Chiofo	Hangchow	Monday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
Hongkong	Hangchow	Tuesday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Hohow and Hsiphong	Huyeh	Tuesday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Huyeh	Tuesday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Sandakan	Manusang	Tuesday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	China	Printed Matter and Samples, 10.00 A.M. Registration, 10.10 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)		Registration, Kowloon, 10.00 A.M. No late fee, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 23rd, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	Teon	Tuesday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Huichow	Tuesday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Chinkiang	Shanghai	Tuesday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Hangchow	Wednesday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tutuora	P. R. Luitpold	Printed Matter and Samples, 10.00 A.M. Registration, 10.10 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
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TO-DAY.

Ordinary Yearly Meeting. Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., noon.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATION.

February 20th.

ON LONDON:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/8 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	1/8 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	1/8 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	1/8 1/2
Credits, at 4 months sight	1/9
Documentary Bills 4 months sight	1/9 1/2
ON PARIS:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	218
Credits, at 4 months sight	222
ON GERMANY:—	
On demand	177
ON NEW YORK:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	42 1/2
Credits, at 60 days sight	43 1/2
ON HAMBURG:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	129 1/2
Bank, on demand	130 1/2
ON CALCUTTA:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	129 1/2
Bank, on demand	130 1/2
ON SHANGHAI:—	
Bank, at sight	74 1/2
Private, 30 days sight	75 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA:—	
On demand	84 1/2
ON MANILA:—	
On demand	84 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:—	
On demand	74 1/2
ON BATAVIA:—	
On demand	104
ON HONGKONG:—	
On demand	14 1/2 p.m.
ON BANGKOK:—	
On demand	87 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.40
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$59.65
BAR SILVER, per oz.	25 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese	20 cents pieces	\$7.90 discount
Chinese	10	\$8.40
Hongkong	20	\$7.00
Hongkong	10	\$7.10

OPIUM.

February 18th.

Quotations are—	
Malwa New	\$1.070 per picul
Malwa Old	\$1.090
Malwa Older	\$1.110
Malwa V. Old	\$1.140
Persian fine quality	\$1.000
Persian extra fine	\$880
Patin New	\$1.062 per chest
Patin Old	\$1.100
Benzene New	\$1.015
Benzene Old	

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Catherine Apsar, from Calcutta, &c. Messrs P. K. Noah and Allen.
Per Flinthire, from London, Mrs. Peterson and 3 children, and Mrs. Handen.
Per Huiyang, from Coast Ports, Mr. and Mrs. Fothergill, Miss Palmer, Taylor (2), Misses Liao (2), Messrs Crinkshaw, Stein and Monro.
Per Taiyuan, from Sydney and Australia for Hongkong, Capt. & Mrs. C. B. McGrie and child, Mrs. Spedding, Mrs. Gale and child, Mrs. Garratt, Mrs. Caccia & 4 children, Miss James, Capt. Lambach, Messrs Trumbur, Truer, Bishop, Spedding and Larny.

Per Empress of India, from Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Salmon, Messrs A. G. Crane, F. Walker, L. Cavanagh, from Yokohama, Capt. & Mrs. Dundas, Mr. Wm. T. Payne, from Shanghai, Mrs. Cavanagh and 4 children, Messrs W. J. Baillie, C. D. Silas, A. Bingham, L. Knox, S. J. Kendall and G. N. Edge.
Per Hitachi Maru, for Hongkong, from Europe &c., Mr. and Mrs. E. Peterson and child, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Turwin and children, Mr. and Mrs. P. Olanen, Mrs. M. Koning, Mrs. F. MacKosy, Messrs. C. Fry G. Datsena G. Nakajima, A. J. Capham; from Kobe, Messrs H. Harris, K. Ohta, J. Haynes K. Murakami, R. Enami; from Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs. G. U. Mitchell, Mrs. N. Pate and child Mrs. E. Kirby, Mrs. P. S. Ikeda, Madame S. Akizuki and children, Miss Y. Fukunaka, Miss S. Teshima, Baroness Hayashi, Capt. K. Ohishi, Capt. R. C. Dunn, Messrs Y. Katayama, A. S. Williamson, R. T. Hiclop, K. Horiba.
DEPARTED.
Per Britannia, for London, &c. Mr. and Mrs. Dymond and family, Capt. Erskine, Sergeant Kent and family, Messrs. Alexander, W. B. Wilson, D. Freeman, Hayward, Pollock, K. C. Deane, Melbye, Parratt, Bryant, Crichton, Toder, Ryan, and Ross.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. Kleist carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 27th ult. left Colombo on Monday, the 15th instant p.m. and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 26th inst.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. Prince Waldemar left Sydney on Tuesday the 9th instant at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday the 3rd prox.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The T.K.K. str. Chiyo Maru will sail from Yokohama on the 19th instant, and is due to arrive at this port via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 28th inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. Empress of China arrived Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on Thursday the 18th inst. and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Kobe where she is due to arrive at 6 p.m. on Friday the 19th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China str. Kungang left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 15th instant, and may be expected here on or about 4th prox.
The Indo-China str. Kutang from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 18th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The French str. Benthuet left Manila on the 17th instant, and is due to arrive here today.

The N.Y.K. str. Takachi Maru (Bombay Line) left Singapore on the 14th instant, and is expected here today.

The N.Y.K. str. Kaga Maru (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 13th inst., and is expected here today.

The str. Gymeric sailed from Puget Sound for Hongkong via Japan Ports on the 25th ult.
The E. & A. str. Empire left Sydney on the 13th instant for Queensland Ports, Timor, Manila and this port.

The H.-A. Line str. Ujuria left Singapore on the 16th inst. at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on the 25th inst. p.m.

The N.Y.K. str. Oryon Maru (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 11th instant, and is expected here on the 4th prox.

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HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 19TH, 1909.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
Alhambra, Limited	300	\$500	\$50	Nominal
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$89.5, sales
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	27	26	\$51, buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	3,604	\$12 1/2	12 1/2	\$9, buyers
China Bank Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$11 1/2
China Light and Power Company	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$4 1/2, buyers
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$1	\$1	\$9.20, sal. & buy.
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 74.
Loon-Kung-Mow C. Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 76, x.d.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 272 1/2.
Dairy Farm Company	25,000	\$7 1/2	7 1/2	\$14, sales
DOCKS AND WHARVES.—				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co.	60,000	\$50	all	\$47.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$91 1/2, sales
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$54	\$54	\$94, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 167.
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 167, buyers
Feenick & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$12, sellers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	10	\$9.70, sal. & sal.
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$19	all	\$200, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$168, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$100.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$220, sellers
Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd. (in Liquidation)	10,000	\$100	\$100	Nominal
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$25, sales
INSURANCES.—				
Caution Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$190, sellers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	20	\$106.
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83 1/2	\$25	\$87 1/2, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	50	\$330, sal. & buy.
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	25	Tls. 100, sal. & sal.
Union Insurance Society, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$825, sal. & buy.
Yongtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$182 1/2, buyers
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	100	\$94, buyers
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co.	150,000	\$10	all	\$8.65, sal. & buy.
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	\$30	\$30	\$30, sales
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 115, x.d.
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$44, sellers
MINING.—				
Société Française des Charbon de Tonkin	18,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$600, buyers
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	18/10	\$93, buyers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$14.
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	81	\$2.
REFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$130, sales
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$17.
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$59, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$12, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$34, buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$28 1/2, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	25	all	\$138 1/2, buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	21	21	\$4 1/2, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$123 1/2.
South China Morning Post	10,000	\$10	55	\$1.
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$24, sellers
STORIES AND DISPENSARIES.—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$9, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	12,000	87	87	\$5, sales
Watkins, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$24, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$94, sellers
Weissmann, Limited	90,000	175	\$100	\$140.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,000 orders	\$10	\$4	\$123.
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 orders	\$10	\$10	\$230.
	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$10.

Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 1/2 p. annum	Par.

VERNON & SMYTH, Share-Brokers.

STEAMERS, PASSED THE CANAL.

February 3rd—Antiochus, Austria, Ben-luwa, Diomed, Indragomo, Kaitum, Palmyra, Scandia, 6th—Kleist, Benlomed, Ping Quey, Kamakura Maru, Nira, 10th—Tonguebar, Lemnos, Ambria, Nile, Thebes, 13th—Indragomo, Hyon, 17th—Monmouthshire, Iskra, Sumatra, Lohian, Siom, 2th—Evelerog, Frans Ferdinand, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, Biago Maru, Telemachus, Kanagawa Maru, Prinz Ludwig.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

February 19th—Meinan, Dardanus, Tonkin.

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AGENTS—

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HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From February 22nd to 25th, 1909.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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